

Council Grants Variance to Del Amo Estates

The City Council Tuesday night granted a variance to Del Amo Estates that would permit them to proceed with plans for an industrial park to be located south of Torrance blvd. between Hawthorne and Madrona aves.

It was necessary for the council to reconsider its de-

cision made last week. At that time it granted the variance only to Coleman Engineering co. and failed to grant the owners of the property, Del Amo Estates, the right to lease the rest of the area, not used by Coleman, for further development.

Unless the entire site is zoned for industrial use, the over-all cost of the development would be too high, a letter from Del Amo Estates to the Council stated.



'POP' HASLAM, POLICE CHIEF, RETIRES
Police Chief Willard H. ("Pop") Haslam (l-r) was honored Friday at a testimonial dinner held at the American Legion hall. He will now join Sgt. G. S. (Bill) Evans and Police Chief John Stroh who preceded him in retirement. Asst. Chief Percy Bennett (seated) has been named acting chief pending examination.—Press Photo.

Banquet Honors Retiring Chief School Bill Endorsed

Retiring Police Chief Willard H. ("Pop") Haslam was honored Friday night as more than 250 friends paid tribute to him at a banquet held at the American Legion hall.

On hand to welcome the retiring chief were former Chief Joyn H. Stroh and Sergeant G. S. ("Bill") Evans, who preceded Haslam in retirement.

Guests included most of the off-duty officers of the department, members of the Torrance Police Reserve, Torrance Mounted Police, former police officers who are now members of the California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles Police Department, County Sheriff's office, the city's official family, including members of the council and top city officials.

Haslam received a complete fishing outfit from members of the Police Department. He also received gifts from city employes, reserve officers, crossing guards, and the General Petroleum corp. with whom he was associated before joining the city nearly 30 years ago.

Others who were on hand to pay tribute to Chief and Mrs. Haslam included their daughter, May Haslam, a teacher in San Pedro; Judges John Shidler and Otto Willett of the South Bay Municipal court, and Asst. Dist. Atty. William B. Keene.

Haslam's retirement was ef-

fective April 1, Asst. Chief Percy Bennett has been named acting chief pending examinations for a permanent chief.

Endorsement of State apportionment bill AB 3045 was voted by the Torrance Board of Education.

The resolution states that Torrance stands to benefit an additional \$500,000 in State aid if the measure passes.

No action was taken on bills 3046 and 3047.

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SYMPHONY ADOPTS CITY NAME

At Mayor Albert Isen's suggestion last week, Torrance now has its own symphony orchestra known as the South Bay-Torrance Civic symphony. The Civic Symphony is a member of the Symphony

League which is made up of 10 symphonies in Los Angeles county. Conductor is Elyse Aehle, Hollywood Riviera, who has performed in Europe and America.

Besides the Mayor, many

other Torrance people, including the orchestra president, live in Torrance. Torrance musicians are especially invited to join the 60-piece orchestra which rehearses Mondays, 7:30 p.m., at Redondo High school.

Next performance of the South Bay-Torrance Civic symphony will be the Symphony Ballet program May 18.

The Civic Symphony is also sponsoring a Youth Orchestra. For information call FR. 5-2744

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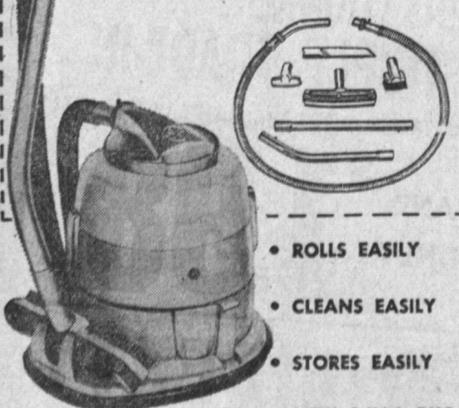
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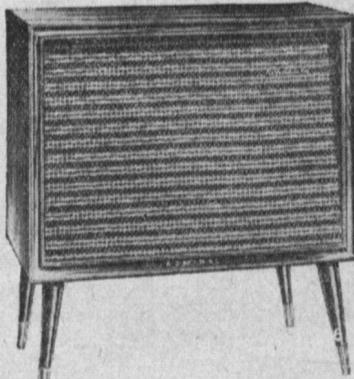


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